

praise and admiration of us all. My thanks to them for a job well done.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
DOUG STERNER ON HIS AP-
POINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF
COLORADO STATE BOARD OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, without the courage, patriotism, and self-sacrifice of United States veterans, past and present, we as citizens would not enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted. I would like to thank a true hero, Doug Sterner, for his commitment to help honor those men and women who have brought honor, freedom, and glory to our Nation. Doug was recently appointed as the new Chairman for the Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs. A Vietnam War veteran and co-founder of the Home of Heroes campaign in Pueblo, Doug is certainly the right man for the post. I would like to congratulate him, and to thank him for his continued dedication toward bringing services and recognition to America's heroes.

As Doug begins his new role, he will help direct a new grant program that allows veterans access to direct services. For instance, the program will help provide transportation so that veterans can take advantage of needed services. In addition, he plans on developing a statewide Operation Recognition Program that will help allow World War II veterans who did not finish high school to go back and receive an honorary diploma. Dennis Darrow, of The Pueblo Chieftain, recounts Doug as explaining, "the program brings more patriotic education into schools while honoring World War II veterans and other military personnel."

In addition, Doug has started a series of school assemblies in the Pueblo area, which feature Medal of Honor recipients. He has also established the website HomeOfHeroes.com, which details veterans' stories, provides free booklets and videos, and allows kids to interact through quizzes and games. This elaborate website provides a wealth of information for children and adults, and has been recognized by The Pueblo Chieftain as "The nation's leading Web site for information about patriotism." Mr. Speaker, I was involved in some of the ceremonies recognizing Medal of Honor recipients as part of the Home of Heroes campaign. I can say from personal experience that Doug Sterner devoted much of himself to see the Home of Heroes project through, and in doing so brought a tremendous amount of needed attention to the sacrifices made on our behalf by Medal of Honor recipients from Pueblo and everywhere else for this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Doug Sterner exemplifies patriotism and deserves the praise and admiration of this body. His appointment as Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs Chairman reflects the huge strides he has made in providing education, support, and recognition for those who fought for our fundamental rights. I

would like to thank him on behalf of Congress for his extensive work with our Nation's veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOLIV-
IAN FOLKLORIC GROUP, LOS
KJARKAS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Los Kjarkas, a world-renowned Bolivian folkloric group.

The seven members of Los Kjarkas, Gonzalo Hermosa Gonzalez, Elmer Hermosa Gonzalez, Gaston Guardia Bilbao, Eduardo Yanez Loayza, Miguel Mengoa Montes de Oca, Rolando Malpartida Porcel, and Ivan Barrientos Murillo will begin the American portion of their 2001 world tour on July 28th, in New York City.

Often referred to as the Ambassadors of Bolivia, audiences throughout the country will be entertained by Los Kjarkas' folkloric presentations. The music of Los Kjarkas provides audiences with an Andean cultural experience that will enhance their knowledge and exposure to Bolivian customs and traditions.

Before coming to the United States, Los Kjarkas will begin their international tour in Europe with performance throughout Spain and Switzerland. The tour will conclude in South America.

Los Kjarkas has used its fame and notoriety to positively impact the lives of youths throughout Latin America. In 1994, the group established "la fundacion Kjarkas", a foundation devoted to teaching children throughout Latin America how to compose and perform Andean music. As a result of their dedication and commitment, Los Kjarkas has inspired many Latin American children to pursue musical endeavors.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Los Kjarkas for their outstanding musical contributions and unparalleled commitment to the children of Latin America.

HONORING PAUL ZSCHOKKE—

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor a man who has been offered a unique opportunity, Paul Zschokke. Paul has been nominated to spend a week at Space Camp learning the mental, physical and emotional strains that face this Nation's astronauts. This experience will not only benefit Paul, but also the thirty, ten- and eleven-year-old students Paul teaches each year at Highland Park Elementary School.

For eighteen years Paul has been a teacher in Pueblo and in that time he has molded the minds of hundreds of students. Paul was not always interested in teaching, when he was younger electronics was his interest, but when

he got to college he decided to major in psychology, because he wanted to spend his life with people. His early interest in science is apparent in Paul's lesson plans. He has been trying to incorporate science and math into his writing curriculum, because writing is such a crucial skill at any age. For the last eight years Paul has been working closely with the Pueblo Boeing plant, to expose his students to aerodynamics, aerospace and how real business functions bring to life math and science. The field trips to the plant have allowed his students a unique perspective on the real life application of the subjects that seem so abstract in the school setting.

The program that Paul has implemented, Pueblo with Boeing, is the main reason that Paul will be attending space camp. Although Paul never wanted to become an astronaut, he did say, "I always wanted to be one of those guys in the white shirts on the ground trying to figure out the problems." By the end of his week at Space Camp, Paul will be at mission control in Houston watching those men "in white shirts" in action. Throughout this experience Paul has set the personal goal of finding more ways to merge English with science. If Paul accomplishes his goal, not only will his life be enriched by this experience, but also the lives of his students.

In a time when Congress is continually looking for a way to improve education in the United States, it is commendable when a teacher takes the initiative to improve his skills and knowledge for the benefit of his students. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I stand before you to recognize Paul Zschokke. Good luck at Space Camp, Paul, and I hope you continue to strive to be the best teacher you can be.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 25

9 a.m.

Armed Services
Strategic Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002

for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on global power projection.

SD-124

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on the nomination of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development; and the nomination of George Tracy Mehan, III, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, the nomination of Judith Elizabeth Ayres, of California, to be Assistant Administrator for the Office of International Activities, and the nomination of Robert E. Fabricant, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, all of the Environmental Protection Agency; and to consider committee rules of procedures for the 107th Congress.

SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine genetics research issues and non-discrimination in health insurance and employment.

SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nomination of Mary Sheila Gall, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

SR-253

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine current entertainment ratings, focusing on evaluation and improvement.

SD-342

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine education technology issues.

SD-106

9:45 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Dan R. Brouillette, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Economic Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the risks of a growing balance of payments deficit.

SD-538

Judiciary

To hold hearings on S. 1157, to reauthorize the consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact and to grant the consent of Congress to the Southern Dairy Compact, a Pacific Northwest Dairy Compact, and an Intermountain Dairy Compact.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

SH-216

11 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas C. Hubbard, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Carole Brookins, of Indiana, to be

United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; the nomination of Ross J.

Connelly, of Maine, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; the nomination of Jeanne L. Phillips, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; and the nomination of Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

SD-419

Judiciary

Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the General Accounting Office report on the operation of the National Infrastructure Protection Center, focusing on the fight against cybercrime.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 995, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel.

SD-342

JULY 26

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the environmental and public health impacts of power plant emissions.

SD-406

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Lynn Leibovitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine chemical harmonization issues.

SR-253

9:45 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To continue hearings on legislative proposals relating to comprehensive electricity restructuring legislation, including electricity provisions of S. 388, the National Energy Security Act; S. 597, the Comprehensive and Balanced Energy Policy Act; and electricity provisions contained in S. 1273 and S. 2098 of the 106th Congress.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine Medicare enforcement actions focusing on the federal governments anti-fraud efforts.

SD-124

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices.

SD-538

10:30 a.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the business of environmental technology.

SR-428A

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", fiscal year 2002 and 2003; S. 367, to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; the nomination of Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark; the nomination of Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica; the nomination of Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize; the nomination of Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania; the nomination of Charles A. Heimbolt, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden; the nomination of Thomas J.

Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece; the nomination of Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan; the nomination of Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States; the nomination of Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See; and the nomination of Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade and Development; the nomination of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement; the nomination of Melody H.

Fennel, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; and the nomination of Michael Minoru Fawn Liu, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public; and Indian Housing and the nomination of Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

2:45 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 423, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon"; S.

941, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area; S. 1057, to authorize the addition of lands to Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii; S. 1105, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park; and H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

SD-366

3 p.m.

Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; and making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

S-128, Capitol

JULY 27

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To continue hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices.

SD-538

JULY 30

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the rising use of the drug ecstasy, focusing on

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ways the government can combat the problem.

SD-342

1 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on the nomination of Robert S. Mueller III, of California, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

SH-216

JULY 31

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on the implementation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, focusing on urban Indian Health Care Programs.

SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine early detection and early health screening issues.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine asbestos issues.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of John A. Gauss, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology; the nomination of Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002

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for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy shipbuilding programs.

SR-222

AUGUST 1

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider energy policy legislation and other pending calendar business.

SD-366

AUGUST 2

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider energy policy legislation.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 212, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act.

SR-485

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on the nomination of John Lester Henshaw, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 19

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on S. 702, for the relief of Gao Zhan.

SD-226